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SUBJECT: NPW VISITS TO TURKISH PORTS

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1. EMBASSY HAS NOT RPT NOT DISCUSSED PROBLEM OF PORT VISITS BY NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIPS (NPW) WITH GOT SINCE EARLY 1974. AT THAT TIME AT THE INSISTENCE OF GOT, THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE WAS INCLUDED IN AN IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENT (IA) TO THE DEFENCE COOPERATION AGREEMENT (DCA) OF 1969: QUOTE: ARTICLE 5.D.(11) VISITS BY US NAVY COMBATANT AND AUXILIARY VESSELS POWERED BY NUCLEAR ENERGY WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY IN EACH CASE. REQUESTS FOR SUCH VISITS WILL BE SUBMITTED WITH AT LEAST AS MUCH ADVANCE NOTICE AS MAY BE STIPULATED IN THE TURKISH REGULATIONS AND WILL BE PROCESSED ACCORDINGLY . END QUOTE.

2. THE IA WAS NEVER SIGNED, AND GOT SUBSEQUENTLY, AS RESULT OF SUSPENSION OF US MILITARY ASSISTANCE,

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ABROGATED DCA. WE UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT TURKISH

NAVY SUPPORTS NPW VISITS TO TURKISH PORTS, AND THERE ARE PRECEDENTS FOR SUCH VISITS MADE IN EARLY 1960'S. ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT RPT NOT CLEAR TO WHAT EXTENT, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) MAY NOW HAVE VETO OVER ALL PORT VISITS IF IT DETERMINES VISITS TO BE POLITICALLY INOPPORTUNE. IN ANY CASE, WE SUSPECT THAT ANY DECISION ON NPW PORT VISITS WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE AT HIGHEST LEVELS IN GOT.

3. GIVEN US NAVY NEED FOR MDITERRANEAN PORTS FOR NPW VISITS, REPORTED TURKISH NAVY SUPPORT, AND 1960'S PRECEDENTS, WE BELIEVE POSSIBILITIES FOR NPW VISITS IN 1976 SHOULD BE EXPLORED. A DIRECT APPROACH TO MFA ON VISITS NOW WHEN WE ARE IN THROES OF NEGOTIATING OUR FUTURE MILITARY PRESENCE HERE WOULD PROBABLY BE UNWISE. WE BELIEVE BEST COURSE WOULD BE FOR LOW KEY NAVY-TO-NAVY APPROACH, ENLISTING TURKISH NAVY'S POSITIVE SUPPORT TO WIN SUPPORT OF TURKISH GENERAL STAFF.

4. WE NOTE THAT ADMIRAL FIRAT, COMMANDER TURKISH NAVY, MAY BE VISITING ADMIRAL BAGLEY IN LONDON IN FEBRUARY 1976. FIRAT VISIT MIGHT PROVIDE BEST OPPORTUNITY FOR SURFACING POSSIBILITIES FOR NPW PORT VISITS. WE RECOMMEND, THEREFORE, THAT CNO AUTHORIZE ADMIRAL BAGLEY TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH FIRAT IN LOW-KEY MANNER, STRESSING VALUE OF SUCH VISITS FOR NATO SECURITY, ENLISTING FIRAT'S ASSISTANCE IN EXPLORING POSSIBILITIES FOR VISITS WITHIN GOT, BUT WITHOUT PUTTING HIM ON SPOT FOR COMING UP WITH A DEFINITIVE ANSWER. BASED ON FEEDBACK FROM FIRAT THROUGH NAVY CHANNELS AND OUR ASSESSMENT OF HOW BASE NEGOTIATIONS ARE GOING AND OF OVERALL STATUS OF US-TURKISH RELATIONS, WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO MAKE POLITICAL APPROACH AT MOST APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF GOT FOR NPW VISIT IN LATE 1976.

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